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**BEREA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

In Attendance

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Planning Committee Per Sign-In Sheet

Distribution

All in Attendance
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The following is a brief list if items discussed:

- Initial discussion centered on the visit to the Lakewood Harrison and Hayes Elementary Schools:
 - Points that were not favored:
 - § Stages were too small for Berea's usage;
 - § Stairwells were "institutional" and should have perhaps had windows. They were also possibly noisy.
 - § Media Centers were too small and the Computer Labs too big. There also did not appear to be any spaces suitable for activities such as storytelling or puppet shows etc.;
 - § Spaces outside seemed to not permit weather-protection if students were lined up outside.
 - § Foyers also appeared to be small and the walk-off mats inside the foyer left much to be desired – the mats in the vestibules were good though;
 - § Acoustics in the Harrison gymnasium were not good – much improved at Hayes though;
 - § Lack of natural light in the corridors.
 - Positive aspects included:
 - § The size of the gymnasias;
 - § Lots of natural light, especially with the arched windows in the Kindergarten rooms;



- § The translucent “awning” at Harrison;
 - § The grouping of the Tutoring rooms;
 - § The Art rooms and the furniture/casework in those spaces;
 - § The Music room at Harrison;
 - § Access from classrooms to the playground;
 - § Nice use of color;
 - § Rugs in the classrooms;
 - § Tack-strips in the hallways;
 - § Decorative fencing;
 - § Size of the small classroom on the 2nd floor at Hayes was probably suitable for a small group room.
- There was discussion on the lockers in the classrooms – opinions seemed to be divided in that some negatives were that the lockers took away wall space and there was an issue with shoes (in the hallways, not in the lockers). On the other hand, supervision of the lockers in the hallways is an issue and that the lockers and the casework above provided a lot of storage. It was felt that the lockers could possibly have been taller and that storage could have gone all the way to the ceiling. R. King suggested that perhaps the shoe issue could be solved by having an open section below with plastic trays for wet shoes.
 - General discussion items included:
 - § Access between classrooms was a must – could perhaps even be a pocket door.
 - § A 2-story Media Center might be a consideration although supervision could be an issue. In addition, if separated by age groups, what would happen to younger advanced readers?
 - § Location of the sinks outside the large group restrooms was a good idea for supervision.
 - § Pre-K rooms – it was believed that probably 2 Pre-K rooms should be provided in the new school. If the school was designed as a K-5 and became a Pre-K – 4 school, then there would be an issue of room sizes. It was therefore suggested that perhaps the square footage of the Kindergarten rooms be reduced and the overage given to two 1st grade rooms – in that way the sizes of K and 1st grades would satisfy the Pre-K/K requirements in the future. Proximity to parent drop-off for Pre-K was also desirable.
 - § The size of the 5th grade rooms was also a concern. It was suggested that because the typical 1-5 grade configuration was based on 25 students per classroom, and Berea had 28 in 4th and 5th grades, perhaps the square footage would be better served by using the 1:28 ratio and having fewer



but larger rooms. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the next meeting.

§ It is noted that 14 buses would serve the school.

- R. King showed two possible "pod" grouping arrangements and there was considerable discussion on the merits of each one. Further discussion would be deferred to the Design Committee.
- The next meeting would be on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 4.00pm.

The preceding is GPD Associates interpretation of the meeting. Any changes, additions, or clarifications should be forwarded to our office as soon as possible. Unless these changes are furnished within ten (10) working days, it will be understood that all parties are in agreement with the preceding statements.

Respectfully submitted,
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